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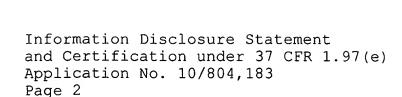
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Enclosed also are two new references that were cited and discussed in the First Office Action mailed on May 26, 2006 from State Intellectual Property Office of People's Republic of China in a counterpart application. The English abstracts of these references are also enclosed.

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If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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